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SUBJECT: AID VISIT OF WHO OFFICIALS, 31 OCTOBER-1 NOVEMBER

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1. MISSOFF JUST INFORMED BY WHO THAT ADG BERNARD WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE
IN USG-WHO MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 31 OCTOBER-1 NOVEMBER AT AID HEAD-
QUARTERS FOR DRS MOCHI, NEWELL AND CHRISTENSEN.

2. ADG BERNARD'S PARICIPATION STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE DG MAHLER GIVES TO SUBJECT MEETINGS.

3. WHO OFFICIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE ALL DAY TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER, AND HALF DAY FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, FOR MEETINGS WITH AID, DHEW AND STATE OFFICIALS.

4. IF CONSIDERED NECESSARY, WHO OFFICIALS WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE MEETINGS
FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 1 NOVEMBER. OTHERWISE, THEY WILL VISIT PAHO HEADQUARTERS
FOR INTERNAL MEETINGS.

5. WHO TEAM SUGGESTS THAT MEETINGS BE STRUCTURED SOMEWHAT AS FOLLOWS:
1) GENERAL SESSION, STARTING AT 0900 THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER, IN WHICH BOTH SIDES IDENTIFY POLICY AND PROGRAM FOR ENSUING DISCUSSIONS AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON OVERALL WHO-AID PLANNING PROCESSES,
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INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF JOINT PLANNING AND PROGRAMING EFFORTS

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FOR THE FUTURE. 2) SMALL WORKING PARTIES DURING AFTERNOON SESSION 31 OCTOBER, IN WHICH WHO TEAM CAN BE SPLIT UP IN ORDER TO FACILITATE MAXIMUM EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON COUNTRY HEALTH PROGRAMMING AND SECTOR ANALYSIS; LOW-COST RURAL HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS; LIMITATIONS OF AID LEGISLATION; IDENTIFICATION OF WHO-AID COORDINATING MECHANISMS; AND REVIEW OF ONGOING OR PROPOSED PROGRAMS IN CHOLERA, MALARIA, ONCHOCERCIASIS AND SCHISTOSOMIASIS. 3) GNERAL SESSION, STARTING AT 0900 FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, TO SUM UP AND DRAW CONCLUSIONS FROM EARLIER SESSIONS AND, IN ADDITION, TO DISCUSS THE BRAZZAVILLE COORDINATION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 24-25, AND THE BRAZZAVILLE DONORS MEETINGS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 26-27.

6. IN VIEW OF ADG BERNARD'S PARICIPATION IN MEETINGS, MISSOFF SUGGESTS PARTICIPATION BY US OFFICIALS OF COMPARABLE RANK IN OPENING AND CLOSING SESSIONS.

7. DR NEWELL REQUESTS THAT MEETINGS NOT INCLUDE, REPEAT NOT INCLUDE, REPRESENTATION BY APHA.

8. IN VIEW OF SIGNIFICANE OF THIS FIRST MAJOR COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BY WHO AND AID TO IDENTIFY BETTER LIAISON AND COORDINATING MECHANISMS FOR THE FUTURE, AND IN VIEW OF THE LIAISON AND COORDINATING FUNCTIONS OF THE MISS HEALTH ATTACHE OFFICE, MISS HEALTH ATTACHE BINDA REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION FROM DHEW TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT MEETINGS. WHO OFFICIALS MADE SUGGESTION INITIALLY. MISSOFF BINDA DESIRES TO BE IN WAHSINGTON PRIOR TO MEETINGS, IDEALLY OCTOBER 29. PLEASE ADVISE. DALE

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